

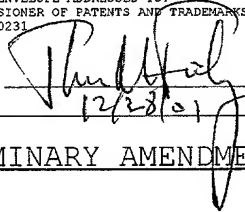
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In the Specification

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In the Claims

CANCEL claims 1-21, leaving claims 22-28 for examination in
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APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

TREATMENT OF DRY EYE SYNDROME

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S P E C I F I C A T I O N

Background of the Invention

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This invention concerns generally the treatment of disease,
and more particularly the treatment of human glandular function
disorders involving oil and mucus secreting glands and/or tear
secreting (lacrimal) glands leading to dryness in the eyes, mouth
or other areas.

Dry-eye syndrome is a common condition affecting
approximately one in five Americans. It is characterized by
symptoms including dry, irritated eyes, excessively watery eyes,
burning and stinging, a foreign body sensation, and blurred
vision. Despite the diverse causes of dry eye syndrome, in all
dry eye conditions the ocular surface epithelium undergoes
squamous metaplasia, manifested by loss of goblet cells, mucin
deficiency and keratinization. These changes result in tear film
instability, which leads to the clinical symptoms of dry eye